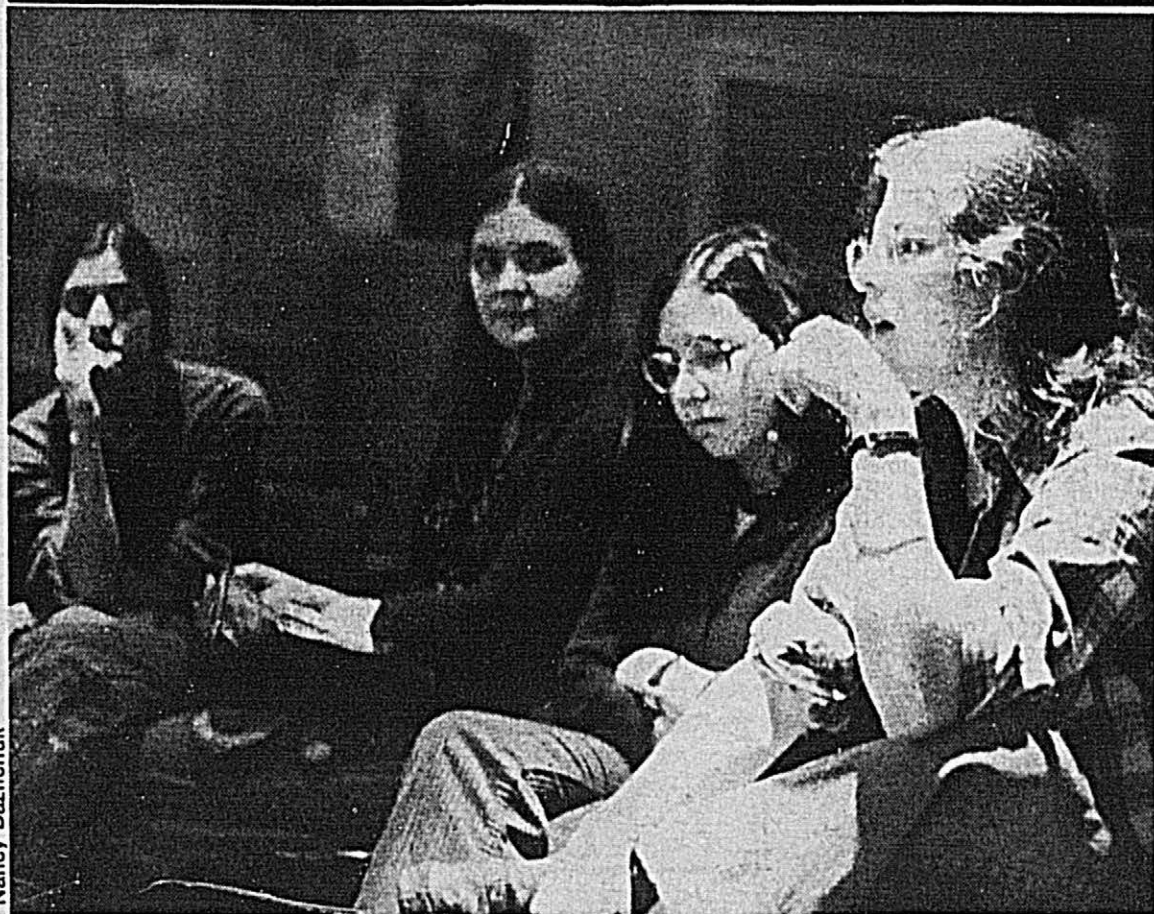




Nancy Bazilchuk

Yesterday's meeting to infuse new life into the faltering Women's Union met with great success. The number of new and enthusiastic members left organizers optimistic for the future.

New Brunswick:

Cops evict angry students

(CUP)—More than 500 students are currently demonstrating in front of the New Brunswick provincial administrative building. They will continue to demonstrate until their student aid demands are met.

Approximately 50 local police are lined up in front of the doors to the building, virtually the entire Fredericton police force. The government buildings are totally inaccessible, and the whole administrative operation of the government has halted.

The demonstration is to protest the December 8 eviction of students who had been occupying the building since January 28. The students had voted the previous Friday to reject a government offer and stay until their demands were met. The number of demonstrators has increased since the eviction, and they are urging more New Brunswick students to join them.

The government had offered to form a committee to investigate and recommend changes to the aid system, but gave no guarantees that any changes would be made.

Youth Minister J.P. Ouellette confronted the students in the lobby of the building Sunday afternoon and told them they had fifteen minutes to vacate the building. The students tried to phone their legal counsel, but all lines in the building were suddenly shut down. The students refused to leave.

Approximately 50 Fredericton police then entered the building and began to carry the students from the building after a local police chief read section 41 of the Canada Criminal Code. This act specifies that trespassers may be removed bodily if "no more force than is necessary" is used.

The government had rented twenty buses to carry the

students back to the various parts of the province. The students refused to board the buses and accepted the invitation of a local church to spend the night in its basement.

STUDENTS OF TAs

The meeting announced in yesterday's Daily is for you. All undergraduates are advised of the information session tomorrow in L26 at noon. Dean Vogel and MTAA reps will be present to answer your questions, and possibilities of student action will be discussed.

CANCELLATION OF LECTURES

All lectures and laboratory periods will be cancelled on Friday and Saturday, February 13th and 14th, 1976, for the mid-term week-end holiday and Winter Carnival.

RestructComm

The Committee to Restructure Students' Society will meet tonight at 7 pm in Union 327. It is imperative that all members attend.

Women's Union has new life, support

by Nancy Bazilchuk

The Women's Union met yesterday to decide what, if anything, must be done to avoid its closing. Nikki Myone, chairperson of the informal meeting, posed for the thirty-odd women present the question, "what is our function if we are to exist as a Women's Union?"

The major problem of the Union seems to be lack of information. "I didn't even know what had happened," one concerned student said. "All I knew was that there was a Women's Union and then I heard it was closing."

The discussion about lack of participation in the Union concluded that "most women just don't understand what we are here for. A lot of women think we are very militant. It's just not that way. We're here so that women can be together."

The Union, situated in A Room of One's Own on the fourth floor of the University Centre, presently has ample facilities but no one to staff them. A library of 600 books, along with a budget for

speakers or workshops, sit idle due to general confusion about what should be done with them.

Staffing the Union presents another problem. The functions of a staffer are ambiguous. "It took me a while to realize that it's just people like me making things work here at the Union," one woman stated.

One of the changes adopted in the attempt to make the Union function better was a change in its operating hours. Starting today A Room of One's Own will be open from 12 to 5. This relieves the staffers of morning duty, when few people visit.

That there is an interest in continuing the Union was evident by the number of women present at the meeting. No one is quite sure, however, what continuing the Union should entail. A task force committee meeting was called for this evening to decide what kind of structure the Union should have and make recommendations to the Union members.

U du Q administration limits financial aid to immigrants

by Larry Black

The Administration at l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) has refused to grant adequate financial aid to Chilean students who have been under pressure since the Ministry of Education tightened immigrant loan eligibility in September 1975.

The rector of the university, Maurice Brossard, granted \$2225 to cover the total educational costs of 12 Chilean students only after pressure from student groups. "This money will just cover first term tuition fees, and hardly compares with the full support they received last year," commented a spokesperson for Plénière Inter-Modulaire (PIM), a student association which has set up an ad hoc committee to investigate the case. "Further, these funds represent only a loan, of

which the terms of repayment are still to be worked out."

The problem surfaced in December, when students finally received official word from the Ministry that they would not be eligible for government assistance, in line with its policy announcements of September. These new regulations change the residency requirements for immigrants receiving aid from one to three years.

However, students investigating the situation have discovered that South Vietnamese students have been exempted from these new requirements.

"Although the reasons given for this by the Ministry are that other refugees are sufficiently rich to pay for their own education, this is clearly not the case," explained PIM ad hoc committee member Deanna Leboeuf.

The students then applied to the UQAM Administration, who, after pressure from the student groups, responded that although "it was very sensitive to their situation, it was incapable of maintaining special aid programs because of financial problems."

But according to a student newspaper at UQAM, this same problem has been dealt with in one way or another at other Quebec universities with substantial immigrant enrolment—Laval, U de M and McGill—and "the politics of funding for universities are the same for all."

The students plan a general assembly to deal with the situation and are planning to conduct a province-wide survey of universities to determine the state of financial aid directed to foreign and immigrant students.

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Investigation into Henry's dismissal

by Larry Black

The student population of McGill University is entering its second day without Henry Patterson, the short-order cook in the Union Grillroom. Henry, described as "the only guy who can make an honest club sandwich," was fired Friday afternoon by Cafeteria Manager Robert Bonnin after refusing to pre-cook food and cut meal

portions.

Bonnin explained his action, saying Henry was hired according to a job description, and that he consistently refused to work to it. "And these must be followed," he continued.

"As for his refusal to pre-cook the hamburgers, well, you've been in the line-up at lunch-time—they would've all been sold within half an hour,"

Bonnin said. "Besides, he was wasting a lot of product and that was costing me money."

But, last night's IPC meeting wasn't satisfied with the information and has called for a full investigation into the dismissal. "We've also noticed a sharp reduction in the amount of french fries we get with our club," quipped one of the committee members.

today

McGill Christian Fellowship:

Join us for the first of a three-part study of camels and needles' eyes entitled "Poverty and Affluence." Mr. A. Kimber, a Montreal businessman, will speak at 1 pm in the Newman Centre, 3484 Peel St.

Backgammon Tournament:

Open to everyone. Sanctioned by National Backgammon Assc. Masterpoint competition. Newman Centre, 3484 Peel. Registration at the door \$5. 7:15 pm. All beginners, intermediate and advanced players welcome.

East Asian Studies Assoc.:

The Association invites all to a reception arranged by the Canada-China Society to meet with the returning Canada-China exchange students. Conversation will be in both English and French. All are welcome. Tonight: 7:30 pm, CSN Building, Room 24, 1001 St. Denis (corner Viger).

Writers' Workshop:

Meeting at 1 pm in Arts-350.

Motorcycle Club

Get your asses up here. You know where and when.

Arts and Crafts:

Batik, macrame, sculpture, weaving 7-9 pm Gardner Hall Art Room, McGill Residences. Open to all students. Some materials provided.

Gay McGill:

Meeting of the Political Action Committee tonight at 7:30 on the north balcony (4th floor) of the Union. All interested people invited to attend. The Gay McGill office and library in Union B-41 are open today from 2:30 to 7 pm. Feel free to drop by or phone 392-8917.

Eat at Hillel:

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sandwiches) soup, cake, tea or coffee all for 70 cents every Tuesday and Thursday, 5-6:30 pm at McGill Hillel, 3460 Stanley St. Tel. 845-9171.

Snow Show:

Spaghetti Eating Contest. Definitely last day for registering your team in the Union. Get those bottomless pits in shape for some true competition. Entry is 50 cents per eater and prizes total \$100. Mass Snowball Fight. Get rid of those frustrations and psychological aggression. Join us on lower

campus tomorrow noon to remind people it's winter. **Montreal Alouettes vs. McGill Redmen Hockey Game.** Come support your favourite team up in the Winter Stadium this evening at 6. MC is Ralph "Birdman" Lockwood who'll be good for a couple of laughs, and some door prizes. Followed by some serious refreshments afterwards at 3581 University St. **Ski Day and Night.** Sign up right away for free instruction for beginners on our ski day up at St. Sauveur this Friday.



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"Quote-unquote" is a new Daily department devoted to miscellaneous essays on various subjects, serious, humorous, and in between.

Puzzled, nameless administrator leaking

The above article regarding the issue of T.A.'s at McGill University appeared in the Montreal Star, Saturday edition, February 7, 1976. I feel it is of utmost importance that this article be reprinted in the McGill Daily for those students and staff of this University who missed it in order to illustrate the level to which the Administration of this University will go to discredit the serious work done by the MTAA thus far, and to minimize the tremendous impact it has had in achieving financial equity for all Arts Faculty T.A.'s, and in attempting to ameliorate the situation of T.A. lecturers in the French and French as a Second Language departments. The issue which remains, namely the question of a

guaranteed annual C.O.L.A. adjustment is serious and is not even mentioned by Mr. Sterling Taylor in his article. Rather, one is led to believe that the M.T.A.A. is engaged in harassment by means of a strike purely to further provoke the Administration.

Further, the article is laden with inaccuracies which ought to be cited and corrected.

[1] Paragraph [III] - Most T.A. work involves student contact hours in the form of scheduled conferences which often take the form of lectures and much preparation is involved. These conferences continue, although grading of exams and papers have been suspended;

[2] Paragraph [VII] - Pierre Paquette has

been a doctoral student in the Economics Department for four years, not seven, datum which is of no consequence to the issues at hand;

[3] Paragraph [VIII] - Mr. Paquette has been misquoted by Mr. Taylor. In fact, the comment was made by Mr. Cartwright of the M.T.A.A., who at no time said, "They can't fire us because we will keep the marks if they do". The actual statement referred to the fact that the University would incur difficulties in grading these exams or finding graders should they fire all T.A.'s

[4] Paragraph [X] - This remark by the Administration spokesman totally ignores the fact that a great number of faculty members have come out in support of the MTAA.

At no time are we told who this "administration spokesman" interviewed by the Montreal Star is, and yet the T.A. spokesman is named and subsequently misquoted.

The T.A. situation at McGill is a grave one. Much progress has been made during the past weeks in meeting and correspondence with Dean Vogel. Work continues to resolve the outstanding issues that remain. To make light of this situation as a so called "puzzling joke" illustrates the inability of the Administration of this University to perceive a serious situation even when faced head on.

Margie Mendell
PhD.3

McGill strike 'puzzling joke'

By STERLING TAYLOR

There was one strike in Quebec during the last week that failed to disrupt operations or stun management.

Instead, the withdrawal of services by about half the teaching assistants in McGill University's faculty of arts turned into a "bit of a puzzling joke," said administration officials.

Teaching assistants are university students who supplement their post-graduate grants by working as part-time assistants to the faculty professors at McGill. Most of their work involves the marking of student examinations.

About 100 of the arts faculty's 220 assistants withdrew their services on Wednesday, claiming that the administration had refused to recognize them as anything more "than a joke."

Marks at issue

This group, united by the McGill Teaching Assistants' Association, puts its membership at 116, and says that since it represents the majority of the assistants it should be recognized as a bargaining unit.

It is not recognized as a certified bargaining agent by the Quebec labor department.

Pierre Paquette, an official of the MTAA, who the administration said has

been working seven years on a doctoral degree, told The Star: "We have the students' first-term marks and we won't release them until the administration agrees to bargain with us. They can't fire us because we will keep the marks if they do."

A spokesman for the administration said that this is not an insoluble problem as far as the university is concerned.

"The professors will just start to mark the students themselves," the spokesman said. "It will be a lot of extra work, but I'm certain they won't allow this group to get away with this."

Robert Vogel, dean of the arts faculty, was at first confused by the issue and then "quite indignant about the whole affair," one official said.

Dean Vogel got in touch with the group on the first day of the strike in an attempt to bring it to the bargaining table. In a letter to the MTAA, Dean Vogel points out that he has always agreed to meetings with the group.

"This morning I invited you to come to see me this afternoon or any time convenient in the rest of the week," Dean Vogel's letter said in part. "You suggested that you could not see me until I put in writing all possible times to meet in the future..."

The letter also points out that, after various meetings with the MTAA group during December and January, most points of contention had been cleared up.

It was after such an agreement on working hours that the university initiated the 12-hour work week for assistants, the letter said. Immediately after this, the MTAA asked for a 10-hour work week.

The university had also offered a \$750-a-year salary increase — a 25-per-cent increase over the previous total of \$3,000 a year.

This salary is in addition to tuition and other fees which the assistants receive in return for their services.

"In effect, we are paying them to learn to teach," one university official said.

The withdrawal of services was announced at a news conference on Tuesday afternoon and undertaken on Wednesday morning.

A small group picketed briefly on the campus and "seems to have gone underground for the time being," the administration official said. Since then, classes have gone on without disruption.

Canada: The exploiter and the exploited

Capitalist system undergoing financial crisis in 40 years

by Malcolm Guy

The PM in a dark blue pin stripe suit, white shirt, and blue tie adorned with gold Olympic symbols, seemed slightly ill at ease as he began to address members of Ottawa's Canadian Club over baked Alaska and coffee. Pierre Trudeau stood before a dinner audience and national television cameras. His composure firmed as he warmed to his thesis: "We are living in a new economic era. It is time we decided how to live with it."

Since last Thanksgiving Day, when the Canadian government introduced penalty-backed wage and price controls, Trudeau has been trying to sell it to the country with an election campaign-style schedule of speeches. Calling upon the people of Canada to tighten their belts, Trudeau is attempting to convince us that the wage and price freeze, permitting only a 10 percent annual increase in incomes, heralds a "new economic era."

But not many people are buying the hard sell.

They realize that unemployment has reached 7.2 percent, with 576,000 workers out of jobs. They know prices rose 19 percent during the first half of 1975, while wages went up only 13 percent. They know that inflation was close to 12 percent last year. What may not be so apparent is the fact that the

net profits of 3,000 large corporations in Canada fell 9.6 percent last summer compared to the same period in 1974. What Canada is experiencing is no "new economic era"—but a crisis.

At present, the entire capitalist system is undergoing its worst crisis in 40 years. A study of its development in Canada shows that the big capitalists are scrambling to maintain their profits. These accounted for only 11 percent of last year's Gross National Product, a drop of one percent between the beginning of 1975 and last October. To demonstrate what a blow this was to business, in the second business quarter of 1974, profits made up 16.8 percent of the GNP.

At the same time last year, wages and salaries were beginning to catch up to profits and many long-term collective agreements were up for renegotiation. The "wage and price freeze" represents one method by which the Canadian state is trying to deal with the situation. By studying some of the facts of the crisis, we will attempt to show why it is the system itself that is to be blamed for the crisis and why nothing, no law, no wage and "price" controls, no program in the world can deal with the problems that are inherent in the capitalist system.

A quick glance at the Canadian scene shows that something is seriously

wrong. In December the number of workers without jobs in Quebec and the rest of Canada soared to the highest totals since the Great Depression of the 1930's. Inflation reached more than 30 percent over the last three years. Prices rose 10.9 percent in 1975 alone. But more importantly, profits are falling, the Steel Co. of Canada reported a loss in net earnings last year of over \$22 million.

What we are experiencing in Canada is the sixth and most severe economic crisis since World War II. It is affecting all capitalist countries and has grown out of the cyclic nature of capitalism. This has produced periodic crises of varying intensity since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Its roots lie deep within the capitalist system, but a little digging lays them bare.

Overproduction and crises

At the centre of capitalist crises lies the phenomenon of overproduction. It reflects a contradiction that lies at the root of our economic system. It is a contradiction between social production and private accumulation—that is, between the millions of people who work and the handful who share the profits. In order to increase profits, which after all, is the name of the game in the capitalist system (even the president of EXXON won't put up much of an argument to that one), the handful of capitalists at the top try to produce more goods and produce them faster while holding back costs, especially the workers' wages.

Soon, too many goods are produced, business slows down and factories lay off workers or shut down completely. The most dramatic example of overproduction occurred in the highly monopolized auto industry in early 1975 when the Big Three auto makers suddenly found themselves with millions of unsold cars. Every newspaper and magazine carried photographs of overfilled warehouses and lots.

In late 1975 the auto makers had resorted to giving cash rebates to new car buyers in an attempt to eradicate the surplus. In the US, the response of the Big Three to their sudden stockpiles of goods was to immediately cut back production and lay off 300,000 workers, some 140,000 of whom are out of work to this day. In Canada the surplus of autos caused the production of cars to fall 11 percent in 1974.

The workers who produce all the goods in the first place are the first to get hit with unemployment, layoffs, and a drop in real wages. The crisis multiplies as the mass of people can no longer afford to buy the glut of goods.

Eventually, though, the excess goods disappear and business rises again from the mire. In some instances this might take a few years. Not before, however, the seeds of a new and greater crisis have been sown. Production accelerates, new markets are exploited, and

profits climb until, suddenly, the system comes crashing down again.

Time and time again this cycle has been repeated in Canada. The two most recent cases, in 1959-62 and again in 1971-72, only proved to be the lull before the storm.

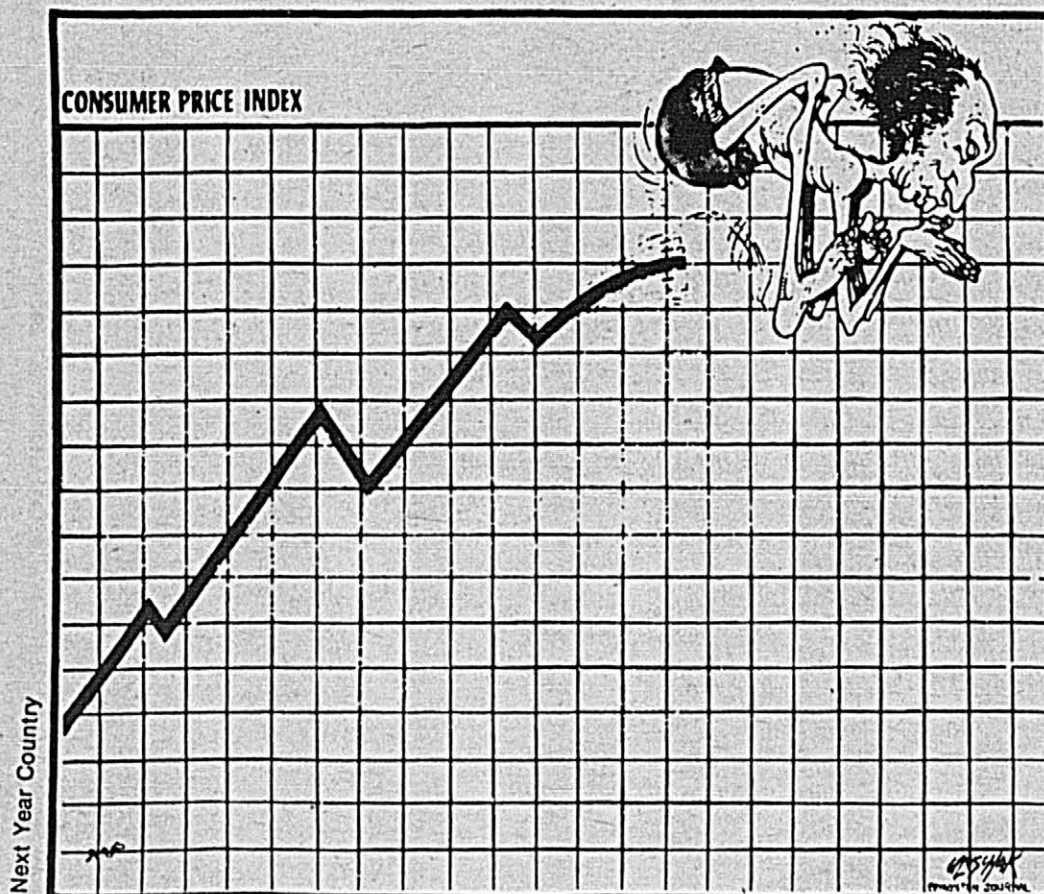
A global crisis

Overproduction though, is only one cause of the present world crisis. It is also a crisis of the international monetary system and of galloping inflation—a social, political and military crisis shaking up many capitalist governments.

In 1974, the year when the present situation emerged full-fledged, some 17 capitalist governments had to change leadership. This included virtually every European country as well as Japan and the US. At the same time the number of working days lost to strikes in the

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



The Consumer Price Index is on the rise, but what is being done?

"non-Communist world" jumped by more than 35 percent compared with the previous year. In 1974 in Canada, strikes led to the loss of more than six million days as workers attempted to keep pace with inflation.

Yet, with all the changes in the political sphere, none of the new parties in power have been able to solve the underlying problem. Governments in capitalist countries desperately search for a solution to an insoluble mess. The Trudeau government was willing to reverse its long-standing objection to economic controls and announce its new program as part of its search.

But the government has plenty of other "tricks" up its sleeve. One ploy is to artificially stimulate the economy with consumer credit. An example of this is the rash of credit card buying in Canada. Total consumer debt rose to over \$17 billion in Canada in 1975 and outstanding personal loans are over \$12 billion, a rise of 21 percent in the past year.

The Canadian government also stimulated the economy with subsidies to monopolies, (e.g. Syncrude, Petro-can) and by allowing companies in the resource sector a 100 percent write-off of exploration costs against corporate profits, a move which led to a giveaway of \$115 million last year.

Public expenditures such as Mirabel Airport, the Olympics and military spending also ease the crunch. The Canadian arms industry is the 6th

worst



Chuck Temes—Time

Unsold cars stockpiling in the Michigan State Fairgrounds are just one symptom of the financial crisis in North America.

largest arms exporter in the world and the biggest foreign supplier to the US war machine. Canadian arms manufacturers benefitted grandly from the Vietnam War, and helped to delay the full impact of the present crisis in Canada.

In the end, though, all the money spent on these various schemes has to be accounted for. The enormous government expenditures are consequently financed by budget deficits which all capitalist states use. That is, they print a large quantity of paper money out of proportion to the real growth of economic activity. Between 1971 and 1973, the money supply in capitalist countries increased 25 times more than the average annual rise in global national production and the needs of internal circulation. Money quickly lost value and inflation and high prices were quick to follow.

Canada is experiencing is - but a crisis ?

their expansionist and imperialist policies. Although Canadians have become very aware of American investment in Canada, the Soviet Union is entering more and more into the picture. The annual Soviet raids on the Canadian and American grain market are adding greatly to inflationary trends in Canadian food products. Also, Soviet fishing fleets were denied entrance to Atlantic ports in Canada recently due to their failure to comply with international fishing regulations.

More importantly, Canada's neighbours to the North and South are busily arming themselves to the teeth. Soviet arms expenditures were close to \$93 billion in 1975, with the US spending \$80 billion.

Canada's Imperialist role

Canada is presently seeking wider international relations to counteract US influence and the growing danger of the Soviet Union. The Canadian state is looking for closer ties with the European Economic Community and Third World countries, while limiting oil and natural gas exports to the US.

In its relations with the Third World, Canada is facing a scene of incredible changes on a world scale. The people of the colonial and underdeveloped countries are standing up and opposing colonialism and imperialism, including Canada's. Raw materials like bauxite and oil, which Canada uses in great quantities formerly plundered and pirated, can no longer be taken so easily. Highlighted by the Arab struggle and the strengthening of OPEC, more than 100 developing countries have begun to take measures to control their own resources.

As a result, Canada is caught between the US, the USSR and the rising resistance of the Third World. As the competition for world markets becomes sharper, the superpowers are attempting to shove the crisis onto the second world capitalist countries like Canada (ie. those countries that are neither superpowers nor Third World countries). Meanwhile, Canadian transnationals who have been taking part in the exploitation of the Third World, like Massey Ferguson, are seeing their imperialist domains vanish as the political and economic resistance in these countries rises.

Canada's role as an imperialist country has created a crisis at home and abroad. Behind the imperialist policies

are the Canadian government, giant monopoly companies like Weston and Noranda, and a powerful banking establishment. They have taken part in the division of the world, albeit on a comparatively small scale, with massive exports of capital. Over \$6 billion was invested abroad, primarily in the US and Latin America, by Canadian investors up to 1970, for example, and the total is growing.

But the second world is being forced to accept nationalization of its foreign oil and mineral extracting companies and to pay higher prices on every natural resource from developing countries. The Third World is no longer the source of fantastic profits it once was. Second world countries like Canada are thus being forced to change their strategy towards the developing countries.

Trudeau's recent tribute to Fidel Castro as well as his trip to Mexico and Venezuela have emphasized the contradictions which face the Canadian government and state. For example, Trudeau stated that Canada is willing to join the Organization of American States and attempted to demonstrate that Canada supported the demands of these third world countries for a 200-mile coastal fishing limit. But he made it clear that Canada does not support these demands unconditionally nor will it get involved in the OAU unless sure of a good return.

In economic terms, perhaps the most important part of Trudeau's trip was his series of talks in Venezuela. His most pressing task was to explore ways of trimming the \$1 billion trade deficit Canada ran up with Venezuela last year through its oil imports for Eastern Canada, Venezuela, a member of OPEC, was at last getting a fair shake for its oil and naturally the oil monopolies in Canada are passing it on to the consumer. With the price of regular gasoline supposedly rising to a dollar this year, Canada's intimate ties with the world economy are becoming more and more apparent.

The Canadian crisis

Back at home as the price of oil rises, markets disappear and the flow of cheap raw materials slows, the crisis of capitalism in Canada continues to take its toll.

• Eatons, the largest retailer in Canada shuts down its huge catalogue department.

• The index of industrial production falls from 225.4 to 205 by December '75 (base 100 in 1961).

• Bankruptcies in the manufacturing sector are up 71 percent in the first six months of '75.

• Exports of farm and fish products are down 17 percent, forest products 28 percent, metals and minerals 11 percent.

Even the Financial Post admits that the long-term outlook is bleak, and they, like Trudeau and other apologists for the Canadian state are hoping that the "supposed" recovery abroad, especially in the US, which took two-thirds of Canada's \$33 billion in exports in 1975, is going to continue.

At the same time, due to the anarchy of capitalism, the Canadian monopolies have been aggravating the crisis by speculating on inflation, and raising prices to amass huge profits. Rather than lowering prices to sell more commodities (but at a lower rate of profit) corporations such as Steinberg's, Dominion and Weston are raking in profits with the rise in the price of food. The president of Dominion estimates that the average cost of food will rise 15 percent this year, following a 13 percent rise in 1975. Bell Telephone, whose profits were up a record 17 percent last year, pushed for and won government approval for rate hikes.

The problem is that while some win, others lose. And the most consistent losers have been the Canadian working class. While more and more were facing unemployment and decreasing real wages, the Consumer Price Index was rising 38.5 percent in the last four years. On top of this, the Canadian ruling class, the small handful of financial and industrial magnates who own the factories, the commercial establishments, the banks, the means of transportation and the natural resources, discovered the answer to its prayers.

Faced with workers' attempts to regain wages lost through price increases since 1972, the federal government was called upon last fall to legislate profit guarantees so corporations would once again find conditions favourable for accumulation. Hence the wage and price controls.

In another article we will look at the wage "and price" freeze in more detail, and attempt to show why and how it was created in the interest of the Canadian ruling class.

National debt in Canada's largest trade partner, the US, now totals over half a trillion dollars, and the annual deficit is piling up at \$70 billion a year. An ever-increasing percentage of the gross national product is being devoted to paying the interest on those debts. Trying to cover these debts with an increasing volume of government is creating a massive inflationary wave that is lapping across Canada as well. Here the predicted government budget deficit for 1975 is \$5 billion.

Imperialist rivalry

Probably the most serious factor causing the present world crisis and its repercussions in Canada, however, is the fierce rivalry of the two superpowers, the US, and the Soviet Union. With the defeats in South East Asia and the unrest at home, US power on a world scale is declining rapidly. The Soviet Union meanwhile, is elbowing its way into the Third World and former US markets. The Soviet state is literally taking over the economies of many underdeveloped countries while maintaining its grip on Eastern Europe.

The USSR has established thorough domination of India's economy and is a main investor in Cuba, Iraq, Libya, and Algeria—all countries which had seen extensive US investment in the 50's. The Soviet rulers have aptly been described as social-imperialist. Socialist in word, imperialist in fact.

Canada, sandwiched between the two superpowers, is feeling the effects of

COMMENT

Star is a 'puzzling joke'

Saturday's article on the TA strike in the *Montreal Star* necessitates some clarification of what has become a crass attempt in some quarters to picture the TAs as uncompromising neanderthals.

The article entitled "McGill strike a 'puzzling joke'" was not an article at all, but a vicious editorial on the part of Sterling Taylor, the reporter, and his "administration spokesman." Simply put, the article is a lie. As a TA I am happy to say that most of TA work involves teaching, not correcting exams; Pierre Pacquette has not been working on his doctoral for seven years; professors of classes upwards of 100 will not "...just start to mark the students themselves;" there are many professors, besides, who now support the TA demands; classes have not simply gone on without disruption [ask my students, and I'm certainly a lot less involved than other TAs].

Why is Pacquette the only TA source available, and why is a whole slew of unnamed administration spokesmen used in this incredibly unbalanced example of "objective journalism?" At any school of journalism, this story would have been ripped to shreds and the reporter sent back to the lecture classes.

The TAs are not trying to milk McGill with hot-headed demands. Neither are they simply trying to gain huge pay increases to pay for weekend meals at St. Amable Restaurant. Many of the TAs are foreign and cannot find outside work. Many TAs must support or be supported by a wife or husband. If anyone thinks \$3000 per year without a tuition exemption is easy to live on—try it. I did for a year and now I'm in hock up to the neck to the fine State of New Jersey.

Nowhere in the *Star* article was the very important issue of cost-of-living allowance (COLA) mentioned. Even if TAs do gain \$3750 for next year, the ten percent rate of inflation will wipe that pay increase out in two years. I'm sure neither the administration nor the MTAA wants to go through situations similar to the present every two years.

TAs do not want the strike to go on forever. Believe it or not, most TAs would be happy to see this strike settled fast. We do not want to screw the students. We are not sitting in our offices in Morrice Hall with unadulterated glee, awaiting the next chance we can get to demand more, to up the ante, or to use the students as pawns. We simply want to be given a fair wage and security for our services and not merely to be shunted aside as some secondary financial irritant every couple of years.

Facts in print, though, of what the TAs are demanding and why and what the administration is offering and why are hard to find. Press releases, open letters to the editor, interviews and the like all serve to present the facts as one side sees them. Unfortunately, many crucial mistruths and half-truths that are too easily used to sway public opinion

have popped up in articles about the TAs in the *Daily* and other *Montreal* newspapers. It is the media's job to present a forum for discussion and argument. Sometimes, especially during sensitive negotiations, various parties' position papers or "statements of the facts" are used instead to bring them support. Both the MTAA and the Dean have admitted to this use of the press.

There is absolutely no excuse, however, for a supposedly respected paper to let itself willingly be used on its news pages to ridicule and denigrate one party by name during collective bargaining while maintaining the anonymity and inaccountability of the other. We have realized this and therefore have tried to present the record as it happens, not as someone might want it to happen.

We realize that students' and professors' opinions of "who is the bad guy" in this strike are influenced by articles and rumours contrary to the facts. Unfortunately, there has been a woeful lack of communication between the negotiators. An even greater chasm exists between the facts and the public's understanding of them. Dean Vogel is not some sinister Scrooge. In the end he must deal with administrative big-wigs on the budgetary committee. But in the end it is he upon whom administrative responsibility must weigh during the strike.

Conversely, the TAs are not crazed and greedy Barry Lyndons intent on either bringing McGill to its knees or going down the drain along with their students' papers and grades. Unfortunately, articles like Saturday's in the *Star* or condescending wisecracks by unnamed administration sources make it seem as if they are, and only serve to exacerbate the situation. But, it doesn't take a tremendous amount of guts or imagination to sit behind a fine walnut desk and watch your weary representative in Arts fight it out with a group of weary graduate students while everyone else's patience wears thin.

Graduate Studies in the Arts constitute the financial and educational backbone of that department. If the graduate level's quality declines or quality students are no longer attracted the entire department, from undergraduates to staff, suffers as well. And if the Arts Faculty cannot give its TAs a decent living wage, it cannot attract a large percentage of graduate students.

The present situation in the Arts Faculty is not good, especially in such departments as political science and sociology. Just ask any student how many of their peers, TAs or otherwise, have left within the past two years. Ask any student how many of their peers, TAs or otherwise, plan to leave or transfer at the end of this year. It is about time McGill concentrated on keeping its TAs rather than driving them away. Misinformation and blatantly distorted news articles will not help very much.

—Jeff Kessler

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letters

McGill's ideals, if any

To the editor:

I thank you for the interview with McGill's new chancellor and the other material in your February 2 "C.F. Harrington issue". As you point out, the chancellor's job is mainly public relations. In picking Harrington for this position, McGill has chosen a man who relates best to the business and financial communities, in the terms and from the perspective those groups understand. Unfortunately, as the interview clearly demonstrates, the business community's commitment to profit often conflicts with the University's (supposed) commitment to independent and critical inquiry. Indeed, in light of this appointment one must question what ideals, if any, motivate McGill's commitment to research and education. In my opinion, McGill should have as its titular head a person whose reputation has been established in research or education, not a person who has managed to acquire power through the accumulation of capital.

Ronald Chase
Assoc. Prof.
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What have Krupp and Harrington in common?

To the Daily:

The time has arrived for Conrad Harrington to resign. He has not been with us here at McGill for long, and hopefully will not be here any longer. That McGill appointed him to the post is not surprising, since he has worked hard for McGill in the past, but for him to remain is inexcusable.

A post of such prestige should not be held by someone who treats what he sees as inferiors (shareholders, clergy, employees, students, etc.) with such handed lack of respect. To have him as Chancellor is an insult to the entire McGill community, the majority of who feel that support of racism and slavery is not compatible with academic excellence. Certainly Mr. Harrington's weak defence of his pro-apartheid stance could not get even a "C" in any course here where analysis is required.

Remember, Mr. Harrington, that the judges at Nuremberg thought of Mr. Krupp's arguments about using slave labour. His comments were congruent with yours, made about as much sense, and were rejected immediately. The notion that aiding the perpetrators of injustice does not aid injustice is plain stupid. Your only excuse could be that you do not believe apartheid to be unjust, in which case you are disgusting.

Mr. Harrington should go back to boardrooms from whence he has come; where his opportunist philosophy fits in better. He should not remain here as a symbol of how badly McGill needs money, and how much the administration is willing to ignore our collective sense of decency in order to get it.

Loren Hicks
B.Com. U2

To the Daily:

We wish to thank you for the excellent write-up. Hope you enjoy the cheesecake; have fun.

Junior's Restaurant
Marvin and Walter Rosen
Editor's note: They sent us a cheesecake.

around campus

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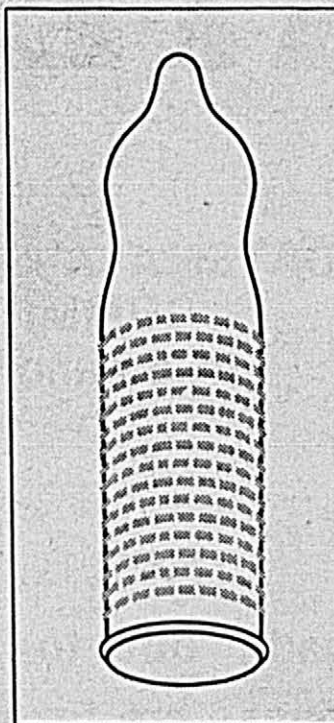
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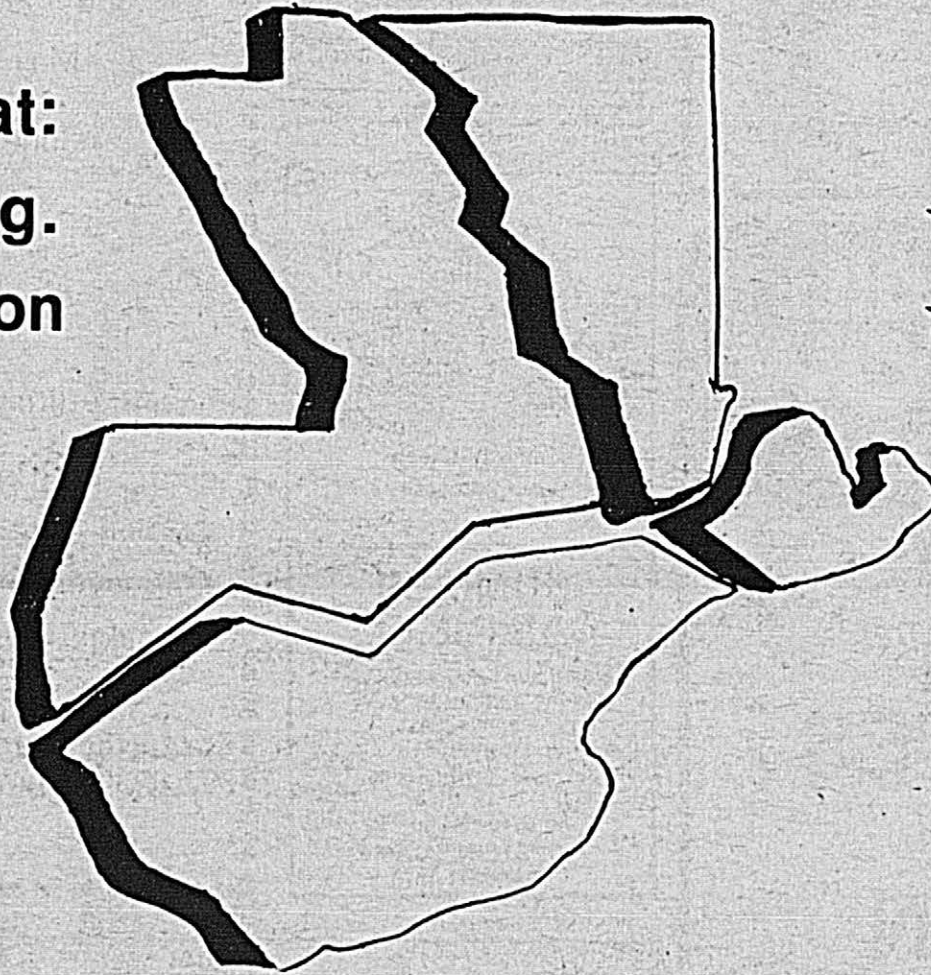
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